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Books on Medals and J.S.G. Boggs Offered

A new fixed price list offers interesting books on "Money Artist" J.S.G. Boggs and U.S. Mint medals and engravers. Wayne K. Homren, author of a recent Numismatist cover article on J.S.G. Boggs, obtained some of the Boggs books in a trade with the artist. "Boggs visited my home one evening, and I showed him a collection of Depression Scrip I was thinking of selling. Boggs was intrigued by the notes, and said he'd like to buy them. Before long we had negotiated a trade, and I ended up with multiple copies of two books relating to his work." The first is a hardcover book by Lawrence Weschler, author of a series of articles on Boggs in The New-Yorker magazine: Shapinsky's Karma, Boggs's Bills, and Other True-Life Tales ($20). The second is a softcovered catalog of a travelling exhibit of Boggs's work developed by the Tampa Museum of Art: J.S.G. Boggs smart money (HARD CURRENCY) ($30).

The other group of books are by the late Francis Pessolano-Filos. After retiring from the insurance business in 1969, Pessolano-Filos began a detailed research project on aspects of U.S Mint medals and their engravers. He produced four books in all. "I was familiar with the Assay Medal book, and was curious about the other works by the author. I eventually contacted the author's son and purchased the remaining titles in the series." The books are: The Assay Medals and The Assay Commissions 1841-1977) ($50), Selected Washington Medals and Tokens 1792-1977) ($55), Medals of the Presidents, Secretaries of the Treasury, and Directors of the U.S. Mint 1789-1981 ($75), and The Venus Numismatics Dictionary of Artists, Designers, Modellers, Engravers, and Die Sinkers Whose Works were Commissioned or Struck by the U.S. Mint 1792-1977 ($45).

The books are available by writing to Mr. Homren at Rebellion Numismatics, 1810 Antietam Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15206. Include $5.00 per order for postage.

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The Life and Work of "Money Artist" J.S.G Boggs

1. Weschler, Lawrence, ***Shapinsky's Karma, Boggs's Bills, and Other True-Life Tales***, North Point Press, San Francisco, CA, 1988, 260pp, 8vo, cloth with D/J, **$20**

This book, by the author of the recent series of articles on Boggs in The New-Yorker magazine, is a fascinating collection of profiles of remarkable figures in the contemporary art world. The Boggs profile (p178-260) provides an in-depth biography of Boggs, his development as an artist, and his run-ins with lawmen around the world.

2. The Tampa Museum of Art, ***J.S.G. Boggs smart money (HARD CURRENCY)***, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL, 1990. 40pp, oblong small 4to, card cover, **$30**

This is the catalog of a travelling of exhibit of Boggs art which appeared in museums in Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Wyoming. It is illustrated with BW and color photos of works from the exhibit. The catalog includes an extensive chronological listing of Boggs exhibits, public performances, group shows, and a selected bibliography of books and articles on Boggs from around the world.

The Publications of Francis Pessolano-Filos

These four books were a labor of love researched, written, and produced by the late Mr. Pessolano-Filos after retiring from the insurance business in 1969.

3. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, ***The Venus Numismatics Dictionary of Artists, Designers, Modellers, Engravers, and Die Sinkers Whose Works were Commissioned or Struck by the United States Mint 1972-1977***, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1983, 8vo, 207pp, HB with D/J, **$45**
Contains biographical sketches of 250 artists and lists the coin and medal work of each.

4. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, ***The Assay Medals and The Assay Commisions 1841-1977***, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1983, 319pp, small 4to, HB with D/J, **$50**
Contains photos and descriptions of every assay medal produced and lists the members of every commission. Only 300 copies printed.

5. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, ***Selected Washington Medals and Tokens: 1792-1977***, Eros Publishing Co, New York, NY, 1984 94pp, 4to, HB with D/J, **$55**
Only 200 copies printed.

6. Pessolano-Filos, Francis, ***Medals of the Presidents, Secretaries of the Treasury, and Directors of the U.S. Mint 1789-1981***, Eros Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1987. 263pp in four parts. 4to, HB with D/J, **$75** *Only 200 copies printed*